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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Deputy Secretary of
Defense Taft, 9 November 1984

1. The DCI and DDCI met with Deputy Secretary of Defense Taft and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Ikle for a working breakfast at the Agency on Friday, 9 November 1984.

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3. Under Secretary Ikle mentioned that he had hired Mike Pillsbury. The DCI then indicated his intention to call Helen Bentley.

4. There was then considerable discussion of the Contadora process and where that process was likely to go. It was agreed that whatever State Department had got itself into could be abrogated because of the recent Soviet build-up of the Nicaraguan armed forces. Discussion then turned to the status of the FDN. It was noted that the FDN was obviously getting other support and that they appear to be holding their own.

5. The DCI then raised the subject of the DoD pamphlet entitled Soviet Military Power. He described how cumulatively the various editions had exposed US intelligence sources and methods.

6. The DCI asked Under Secretary Ikle if he had seen the [redacted] memorandum on SS-20 deployments. Under Secretary Ikle said he had not and the DCI indicated the memorandum would be sent to him. (SA/DCI/IA has sent Under Secretary Ikle a copy of the briefing.)

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7. There was then discussion of the outyear budget problems.

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[redacted] There was then considerable discussion about the state of the Soviet leadership.

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9. Finally, the DCI raised the subject of Soviet information denial techniques in the arms control context. He cautioned on the need to ensure that this information is protected so as not to acquaint the Soviets with information that could lead them to draw conclusions about the effectiveness of their efforts. It was agreed that this information does indeed need to be protected.

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